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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(as of 1400 EDT)

1. The public safety adviser has been advised by Police Chief Despradel that the rebels have used the ceasefire period to prepare for an assault on the US Embassy tonight with two tanks, artillery, and men using dynamite.
2. At 12:54 Ambassador Bennett cabled that "We need more troops in accord with military recommendations". General Palmer is reported to have submitted a separate recommendation on the level of forces required.
3. The Embassy has received a report that the rebels are shelling the electric plant near the Ozama River and comments that this is a "fine Castro way to observe the ceasefire".
4. The Pentagon has authorized the commitment of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Battalion.

State Dept. review completed

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